

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Group Art Unit 1763

Inventor(s): OHMI et al.

Examiner: L. Alejandro Mulero

Appln. No.: 09 827,307

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Filed: April 6, 2001

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).****Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

**Please consider the following before the next Official Action:**

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed April 30, 2003 (copy attached)
2. ☐ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 

☐ IDS Letter  
☐ PTO-1449

☐ Cited Appln

☐ Foreign Search Report/OA  
☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the **original** due date of March 30, 2003 to (1 mo) \$110/\$55  
cover the date this Request is filed. The total extension fee will be \$300 (the two (2 mos) \$410/\$205  
month extension fee of \$410 less the first month extension fee which has already (3 mos) \$930/\$465 + 300  
been paid. **PLEASE CHARGE** the requisite fee of \$300 to our Deposit Account  
(see below)
8. **PLEASE CHARGE** the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☒ \$750 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$375 (sm. ent.) plus any  
deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit

**NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!**  
**NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED** unless you are  
adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case  
cover this with PAT-120.

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter amended claims 1 and 7 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A plasma processing apparatus comprising:  
  
a first electrode;  
  
a substrate configured to be subjected to a plasma, the substrate being positioned on  
  
the first electrode;  
  
a magnetic field generator configured to apply a static magnetic field to a surface of  
  
the substrate to which the plasma process is applied; and